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SIXTEEN LATIN AMERICAN LEADERS CONDEMN COUP BID IN VENEZUELA

BOGOTA, Colombia, Reuter - Sixteen Latin American presidents issued a declaration Tuesday condemning the attempted military coup against Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez, a communique issued in the Colombian capital Bogota said.

The Latin American response was coordinated since the early morning by Colombian President Cesar Gaviria, who said he was in telephone contact with Perez, according to a statement issued by the Colombian presidency.

The communique said that the Latin American presidents express their "full solidarity with the legitimately elected president, Carlos Andres Perez, a symbol of the popular will expressed at the ballot boxes."

The communique also called for a return to constitutional order in Venezuela.

The communique was agreed by the presidents of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Chile, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Panama, Peru and Uruguay.

The Venezuelan president said his government had failed the coup against him but hours later suspended constitutional rights to end what was left of the insurgency.

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